

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully considered the rejections of the Examiner in the present application. In light of this consideration, Applicant believes that the claims, as now amended, are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the claims now pending in the application.

In this first Office Action of July 27, 2006, claims 1-3, 5, 7 and 8 are rejected. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of claims 4 and 6 being objected to as depending upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form. In keeping with the Examiner's advice, claim 1 has been amended and claim 6 has been canceled. It is believed that these amendments put the Application in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1-5, and 7-8, is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

It is respectfully submitted that the present set of claims, as amended, are patentably distinct over the cited references. In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-6918, Rochester, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

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